



U.S. Embassy Hanoi
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The American Center

THE GREAT AMERICAN HISTORY English Writing Contest

The American Center of the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi invites currently enrolled Vietnamese students in high schools and colleges located in Hanoi to participate in an essay contest exploring American history.

Exciting prizes include **First Place - iPod Touch**
 Second Place - iPod Shuffle
 Third Place - 3G USB

Winners will also receive certificates from the American Center

Participants can sign up to meet for 10-15 minutes with an AC writing advisor, who can listen to the writer's ideas, recommend reading or research material. AC Advisors will not read drafts, give topics, or be involved with the actual content expressed in the essay.

Monday-Friday, July 30-August 8, 2012 (from 10:00 - 12:00; 13:00 - 15:00)

- No registration is needed

Writing Advisors: Aliza, Nick, Cameron, Ariana

Essay Topics and Deadline

Who was the most interesting US President of the 19th or 20th century and why?

Deadline: Friday, August 10, 2012 4:30PM

Early submissions are welcome!

Word Count: 500-750 word maximum.



Essay Format and How to Submit

- Typed in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, font size 12.
- Please include your name on the essay pages.
- Please drop off submissions at the front desk of the American Center
- Winners will be required to show identification (i.d.) to collect their prize.
- Points will be awarded for originality, clarity, appropriate language use, effectiveness of argument and relevance to the topic.
- The American Center Hanoi is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible submissions.
- Submissions are considered void if illegible, incomplete, damaged, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, or obtained through fraud, theft or plagiarism.
- By participating in this contest, the winner grants permission to use, copy, or quote from his/her essay without further compensation.
- Submit your essay using the online form:
<https://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/196>

Contest Guidelines and Regulations

- Contest participation is free of charge.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries must be written in English and edited by the named participant, without assistance from others.
- Essays exceeding 800 words will be disqualified.

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